

## COMMERCIAL RELATIONS

*Exchange of notes at Santiago September 28, 1931*

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47 Stat. 2682; Executive Agreement Series 26

*The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs*

EMBASSY OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

*Santiago, Chile, September 28, 1931*

No. 693

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to confirm to Your Excellency the terms of the provisional commercial agreement which our respective Governments have agreed to establish while a definite treaty is being studied. They are:

(1) The United States of America will extend to the commerce of Chile the same advantages which it gives to any other State, except the special treatment which the United States accords to its territories and possessions, to Cuba and to the Panama Canal Zone. These advantages will include the customs duties and other fiscal imposts as well as import licenses and measures of customs restrictions.

(2) The Republic of Chile will concede to the commerce of the United States the treatment which it applies to the most-favored-nation and will give it, from May 22nd last, the reduced tariffs which are applied to merchandise produced in France by virtue of the *modus vivendi* signed on that date.

(3) This provisional arrangement will last while the above-mentioned *modus vivendi* remains in force, without prejudice to either of the Parties terminating it by expressing its desire to do so fifteen days in advance.

In reply I have the honor to advise Your Excellency that the Government of the United States of America accepts the foregoing conditions and will be disposed to enter into negotiations for the purpose of concluding a new commercial treaty to replace the former one.

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<sup>1</sup> EAS 119, *post*, p. 584.

I avail myself of this opportunity to reiterate to Your Excellency the assurance of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

W. S. CULBERTSON

His Excellency

SEÑOR don LUIS IZQUIERDO,  
*Minister for Foreign Affairs,*  
*Santiago.*

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*The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador*

[TRANSLATION]

REPUBLIC OF CHILE  
MINISTRY  
OF FOREIGN RELATIONS  
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No. 8457

SANTIAGO, *September 28, 1931*

MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have received the note, dated to-day, in which Your Excellency in accordance with the instruction of your Government, confirms the terms of the provisional commercial agreement which it wishes to conclude with the Government of the Republic, while a final treaty is being studied. They are:

[For terms of provisional agreement, see numbered paragraphs in U.S. note, above.]

In reply, I have the honor to advise Your Excellency that the Government of Chile accepts the foregoing conditions and will be disposed to enter into negotiations with the object of concluding a new treaty of commerce, to replace the former one, as soon as the domestic situation of the country permits.

I avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest and most distinguished consideration.

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His Excellency

MR. WILLIAM S. CULBERTSON,  
*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary*  
*of the United States.*